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CHANGE!

The Arizona WIC Programs Food List becomes effective October 1, 2005. It will be sent to each store that is authorized for the new contract period (FFY 2006-2008) by mid-September. As most of you have seen during the Mandatory Regional Vendor Contract Trainings in June and July, the food list has gone through a number of changes.

Because of the many changes, and due to the fact that some participants are issued food instruments on a tri-monthly basis and may not yet have received and been trained on the new food list, the Arizona WIC Program has decided to designate October 2005 as our transition month.

Arizona WIC participants may choose authorized food items from the old (FFY 2003-2005) or the new (FFY 2006-2008) food lists during the month of October ONLY. It is our hope that this transition period will allow both participants and Vendors additional time to become familiar with new authorized food items, therefore minimizing issues and confusion at the registers.

Full enforcement of the new Arizona WIC Programs Food List will begin November 1, 2005.

During this transition, please be patient with participants and assist them when needed. In addition, please keep both the old (FFY 2003-2005) and new (FFY 2006-2008) food lists available at all registers during the month of October for easy reference. We appreciate your patience and assistance during this transition.

Arizona WIC Program staff will be available for questions and clarification during normal business hours (M-F, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM); please do not hesitate to call.

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1-(866) 737-3935.



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